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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1944

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

SENIOR INSPECTOR

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

On the grounds of war economy this Annual report is of a brief nature and is practically confined to statistical details. It will fulfil the function of an interim report for the record of the vital and sanitary statistics for the Year 1944 and conforms to the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Your obedient servants,

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STATISTICS.

GENERAL.

Area in acres	3562
Number of inhabited houses(end of 1944)	1800
Rateable value	£61901
Sum represented by ld rate	£202. 16. 6d.
Population-Registrar General's estimate	4760
<u>Live birth</u> - rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	13.0
<u>Live birth</u> - rate per 1000 of England & Wales	17.6
<u>Stillbirths</u> - rate per 1000 live & stillbirths	88.2
<u>Deaths</u> - Crude death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	18.1
Rate for England & Wales	11.6
Deaths from puerperal causes	1

STATISTICS (CONTD)

Deaths (contd)	Deaths of infants	Male	Female
	under one year of age-		
	Legitimate	2	1
	Illegitimate	-	-
	Death rate of infants		
	under one year of age		
	per 1000 live births		48.4
	Death rate of legitimate		
	infants per 1000 legitimate		
	live births		54.5

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Information regarding such services was fully set out in 1938 report. There are no changes to record.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

(Excluding non-Civilians)

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Paratyphoid B	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Measles	145	2	-
Whooping Cough	16	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
TOTALS	174	6	-

	Para-typh oid.	Scarlet Fev.	Oph. Neon.	Dip. Pyrex	Puer. monia	Pneumonia	Poli- omyel- itus.	Meas- les.	Wh. C.	Erysi- pelas
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-
1&under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
2 " 3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12	1	-
3 " 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
4 " 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-
5 " 10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	78	11	-
10 " 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1	-
15 " 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
20 " 35	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-
35 " 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 " 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
65 " over	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	6	-	-	2	4	-	145	16	1

DIPHTHERIAL PROPYLAXIS

Urban District - VENTNOR.

Age under 5 yrs. 5 - 15.

The percentage of the child population it is considered were immunised at 31.12.44. (This estimate includes so far as can be assessed, children immunised in the Authority's area by private arrangements and children who have come into the area after being immunised elsewhere).

38.05%

87.1%

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

From the weekly returns of head teachers -

Mumps	-
German measles	-
Chicken pox	1
Ringworm	-
Influenza	-
Influenzal colds	-
Impetigo	2
Scabies	1
	<u>4</u>

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	Total NewCases		Non-Pul. Total		Deaths		Non-Pul.	
	Pul.				Pul.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 & under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 do 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 do 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 do 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 do 20	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 do 25	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 do 35	7	3	4	-	1	1	-	-
35 do 45	9	5	4	-	-	2	-	-
45 do 55	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
55 do 65	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	22X	13	9	-	8+	4	4	-

XThis number includes 13 transfers from the mainland, 2 cases in which the death returns gave the first information and one old case lost sight of and returned.

+ This total includes two cases in which the death return gave the first information and one case who died from another cause.

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W A T E R.

The water supply to the area is derived from three sources, viz:-

- (a) The Wroxall-Ventnor railway tunnel originating from the downland catchment area.
- (b) An adit leading into a well below the pumping station.
- (c) A heading into St. Martin's Down for the supply of the Wroxall district.

Supplies are used also from the St. Lawrence Spring by purchase from the Rural District Council and a supplementary source from Wroxall by payment to Shanklin U.D.C.

The quantity of water available is not fully adequate for summer demands and has suffered recently as a result of low rainfall during the past few years.

The purity of these supplies is beyond reproach but the physical properties fall short of excellence by reason of the high sileceous content. During the year the number of samples examined was:-

Chemical	Nil
Bacteriological	4

In addition certain other sources have been investigated by the Water Engineer with a view to exploring their suitability for increasing the yield available for the area, the number of such samples bacteriologically examined being 3

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

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|----|--|-----|
| 1. | (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for Housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts) | 59 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 97 |
| 2. | (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidating Regulations 1925-32 | Nil |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | Nil |
| 3. | Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | Nil |
| 4. | Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 59 |

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers

59

HOUSING (CONTD)

<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.</u>		
	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:	
	1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs -	Nil
	2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(a) by owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
	1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
	2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -	
	(a) By owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Hsg. Act 1936	
	1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	Nil
	2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of demolition Orders.	Nil
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Hsg. Act 1936.	
	1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
	2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil

VISIT & INSPECTIONS 1944

Houses, Public Health Act	59
Slaughterhouses	182
Butchers shops	285
Other food premises	323
Bakehouses	47
Cowsheds	57
Dairies	62
Fish shops	39
Fried fish shops (closed through enemy action)	-
Drains inspected	69
" tested	18
Revisits to property under notice	97
Public conveniences	58
Air raid shelters	136
Factory & Workshops	114
Interviews with owners and others	89
Complaints	59
Pigsties and stables	40
Miscellaneous	85
Infectious diseases	3
Fumigations	41
Water samples	4
Milk	-
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	16
Total	<u>1883</u>

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT.

Roofs repaired	7
Dampness remedied	5
Floors repaired	5
Window sashes repaired	2
" sash cords renewed	5
Doors repaired or renewed	1
Grates do.	3
Air bricks fitted	3
Copper furnaces repaired	-
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	5
Eaves gutters & down spouts do.	2
Chimney pots renewed	1
" stacks pointed	2
Drains repaired and cleansed	25
New sanitary bins supplied	-
Water service pipes repaired or renewed	5
New W.C. pans	3
" " seats	3
Soil pipes repaired	1
Ventilation	1
New gratings to gullies.	-
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	16
Ceilings and walls repaired	5
do cleansed and redecorated	3

STATEMENT OF MEAT CONDEMNED 1944

	Cattle Excl. cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs.
Number killed if known	-	-	-	-	4752
Numbers inspected	-	-	-	-	4686
All disease except T.B. whole carcasses cond.	-	-	-	-	2
Do. part of organ was cond.	-	-	-	-	182
T.B. only. Whole carcasses cond.	-	-	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part of organ was cond.	-	-	-	-	468

SUMMARY OF MEAT & FOOD CONDEMNED 1944

Pigs carcasses	6
Pigs heads	280
Pigs plucks	412
Legs of pork	2
Bacon	95 lbs.
Fresh pork	424 "

Total weight of meat condemned 8201 lbs.

FISH

4 stone	cod
35 "	herrings
13 "	kippers
5 "	Fillet
<u>57 stone</u> total.	

VARIOUS FOODS.

Butter	184 lbs.
Cheese	7 "
Oranges	34 "
Brisket beef	6 tins
Salmon	19 "
Sardines	8 "
Pilchards	12 "
Herrings	6 "
Mackerall	6 "
Milk	12 "
Soups	11 "
Luncheon meat	16 "
Beans	5 "
Pork luncheon meat	30 "
Stewed steak	10 "
Chopped ham	8 "
Pork sausage meat	36 lbs.

